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- 1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED DEPARTMENT CHANGES AND PROPOSES TO GIVE THEM TO GAO ON MONDAY, AUG 19 WITH REVISIONS AND CAVEAT OUTLINED BELOW.
- 2. ANSWERS 2 AND 6 REFER TO STARS AND STRIPES' STATE-MENT. IN INTEREST OF ACCURACY AND NEWSPAPER'S OWN GOOD NAME WE PROPOSE TO INSERT QUOTE AP ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN STARS AND STRIPES END QUOTE IN APPROPRIATE PLACES.
- 3. SENTENCE TWO OF ANSWER THREE BEGINNING QUOTE FROM THE INFORMATION....NOR TRIED. END QUOTE. THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS A PERSON CAN BE CHARGED UNDER MARTIAL LAW, AND TRIED, WITHOUT THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE AQUINO CASE. WE PROPOSE TO DELETE SENTENCE TWO IN ENTIRETY.
- 4. ALTHOUGH GAO HAS NOW SEEN MOST OF THE FORMAL TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT, WE STILL CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF IT AND OUR HANDLING OF IT AS A CLASSIFIED MATTER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF DOWNGRADING FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS. WE PROPOSE TO TRANSMIT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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